Curriculum Vitae

François Ömer Akakça

• 55 years old, born 1966 in Paris, French citizen, married.

Professional positions

2018-2019 **Uzbek language reader**, DAAD / Humboldt University, Germany and Institute of Foreign Languages in Samarkand, Uzbekistan
2 times 1 month, (9.2918-10.2018 & 9.2919-10.2019), full-time.

2017-2018 **Stand-in Assistent Professor**, Dep. of Iranian Studies, University of Bamberg, Germany.
 • Taught languages and ethnology of North-Afghanistan and Tajikistan.
 • Research on medieval Islamic mathematical and astronomical sciences.
6 months (3.2017-3.2018), full-time.

2015-2016 **Research Engineer**, Institute for Asian and African Studies, University of Hamburg, Germany.
 • Development of a prosopographical database of the elite figures of the early Islamic Empire.
1 year (6.2015-5.2016), full-time.

2014 **Tajik language course head and lecturer**, DAAD / Humboldt University, Germany and Institute of Foreign Languages in Samarkand, Tajikistan
2 month, (8.2914-10.2014), full-time.

2010-2012 **Independent Research Consultant** in IT for social sciences.
 • Maintained and developed a semantic database of manuscripts for the Institute of Oriental Studies, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg.
 • Trained junior and senior academics to digital archiving techniques.
2 years, (11.2010-10.2012), full-time.

2010 **Lecturer and Research Fellow**, Chair for Iranian Studies, University of Bamberg.
 • Tajik language and ethnology in Tajikistan & Afghanistan: teaching and research.
6 months, (5.2010-10.2010), full-time.

2003-2009 **Assistant Professor**, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin.
 • Supervised international projects and conducted field research in Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kirghizstan and North Afghanistan.
 • Planned and managed BA and MA curriculum with the department head.
 • Lectured Central Asian ethnology and history.
 • Taught regional languages (Tajik, Kirghiz & Uzbek).
6 years, (6.2003-5.2009), full-time.

2003 **Curator**, Quai Branly Museum of Ethnology, Paris.
 • Set and managed a digital archive of artefacts from Central Asia, Iran and Afghanistan.
 • Authored catalogue and exhibition notices.
9 months (11.2002-5.2003), full-time.

2002 **Scientific Consultant** and **Lecturer**, Smithsonian Institution, Washington.
 • Contributed to set up exhibitions and lectured on Central Asian nomads.
1 Monat (15.6-15.7.2002), .

2001-2002 **Culture Manager**, Aga Khan Foundation Music Initiative in Central Asia, Geneva.
 • Organised tours in Europe and the USA with Central Asian, Iranian and Afghan performers.
duration: 10 month.

1998-1999 **Translation department head**, ESTEL inc., Paris.
 • Managed a team of translators (Turkish-French).
duration: 2 years, part-time.

Project management & Consultancies

1993-2018	**Fieldwork based research** in ethnology and history on Kirghiz, Tajiks, Uzbeks and Kazakhs in Soviet Central Asia, China and Afghanistan.	

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3-4 months per year.

2010   **Researcher and Consultant**, Project "Kazakh Bards of China & social change", Bonn University.
3 weeks of fieldwork in Xinjiang.

2006-2008   **Project leader**, INTAS, European Community: "The Kongrat group identities throughout contemporary Central Asia. Changes and continuities in 'tribal' culture".
• Administrated teams of Central Asian scholars with fieldwork, workshops and symposium.
• In charge of budget plan and project implementation.
2+ years (12.2006-12.2008).

2005   **Digital Document Database Supervisor**, Silk Road in the Digital Era: GIS and Digital Libraries.
• In charge of the digitisation of historical and ethnological sources on Central Asia.

2003-2006   **Expert on Archiving Cultural Heritage**, UNESCO, Intangible Cultural Heritage, Tashkent.
• Consultant for the Baysun immaterial heritage conservation project.
• Trained teams of local scientists in fieldwork and archiving techniques.
4 missions of 2 to 4 weeks.

2002   **Consultant** & **Lecturer**, Smithsonian Institution, Washington.
• Organised live exhibitions and lectured on nomads and music in Central Asia and Afghanistan.
1 month (8.2002-9.2002).

1999-2002   **Research Grant Holder**, French Institute for Central Asian Studies (IFEAC), Tashkent.
• Extensive fieldwork on family relationships, land use and rituality (Kazakhs, Uzbeks, Tajiks).
3 grants, each from 4 bis 6 months.

1999-2001   **Guest Researcher**, French Research Institute in Iran (IFRI), Teheran.
3 stays, each from 3 to 6 weeks.

1999-2000   **Research Fellow**, Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Science, Almaty, Kazakhstan.
12 months (10.1999-9.2000).

Education

2005-2009   **Doctoral Candidate**, supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Baldauf, Humboldt University, Berlin.
• Topic: "The making of social structure. Lineage theory among Kazakh & Kirghiz groups".

1996-1999   **Completion of research seminar certificates**, EPHE, EHESS & LACITO, Paris.
• Comparative social anthropology, Inner Asian studies, ethnolinguistics.

1996-1997   **MA in Ethnology** ("Maîtrise d'ethnologie"), University Paris X, Nanterre.
• Dissertation's topic : The wild and the domestic in Central Asian Epics.

1993-1995   **BA in Turkic Studies** ("Licence de turcologie"), Institute of Oriental Languages (INALCO), Paris.
• Turkic and Iranic languages of Central Asia and Afghanistan.

1995-1996   **BA in Mathematics** ("Licence de mathématiques pures"), University Paris VII.

1994   **BA in Ethnology** ("Licence d'ethnologie"), University Paris X, Nanterre.

1992   **BA in Sociology** ("DEUG de sociologie"), University of Montpellier IV, France.

1987   **Degree in Computer Science** ("Diplôme universitaire de technologie"), EPITA / CNAM, Paris.

Language skills

French   Mother language.
English   High command. Written & spoken. Primary working language.

Russian	Very good level. Written & spoken. Very high reading abilities.
German	Fair level. Written & spoken.
Persian	Very high level. Spoken & written (Tajikistan & Afghanistan varieties). Reading of manuscripts.
Uzbek	Near perfect fluency. Spoken & written. Good reading abilities of Chagatai.
Kirghiz	Very good knowledge. Read & spoken. Same abilities in Kazakh.
Turkish	Almost mother language level.

Information Technology

• System and network administration ; basic devops and automation.

• Database architecture and programming (relational, semantic, document and graph DBs

• Advanced programming skills: scripting + array and functional languages.

• Development of networked concurrent services and web applications (backend and frontend).

• High command of all major authoring and scientific software.

Additional Interests

• Natural history

• Mathematics and music.